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SUBJECT: COCA CROP SUBSTITUTION - PILOT PROJECT

1. PROP SUBJECT PROJECT APPROVED WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND COMMENTS.

2. PROJECT MANAGEMENT: THE NEWNESS AND COMPLEXITY OF THE PROJECT, THE REMOTENESS OF THE TEST AREAS FROM LA PAZ, THE INVOLVEMENT OF SEVERAL BOLIVIAN INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE NEED FOR CLOSE COORDINATION WITH OTHER RELATED AID-EMBASSY ACTIVITIES WILL NECESSITATE CLOSE MISSION-EMBASSY MONITORING THROUGHOUT THE LIFE-OF-THE-PROJECT AND PARTICULARLY DURING THE FIRST 12-18 MONTHS. YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PROBLEM AND ITS STAFFING AND ORGANIZATIONAL IMPLICATIONS ARE REQUESTED.

3. REDUCTION OF COCA PRODUCTION ON TEST FARMS: WHILE WE
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RECOGNIZE IT IS NOT REASONABLE FOR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND

GOB TO INSIST THAT PARTICIPATING FARMERS STOP ALL COCA PRODUCTION AS A PRE-CONDITION TO AID UNDER THE PROGRAM, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE GOB AGREE TO ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THE FARMERS TO REDUCE COCA PRODUCTION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT FARMERS ACCEPTING THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES OF ALTERNATIVE CROPS.

4. EVALUATION AND REPORTING: DUE TO CCINC INTEREST IN

CROP SUBSTITUTION, WASHINGTON AGENCIES BESIDE AID SUCH AS USDA AND STATE S/NM WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVALUATIONS AND RECEIVE COPIES OF THE MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORTS AND OTHER AD HOC REPORTS PREPARED ON THE PROJECT.

5. ALLOTMENT: ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

6. FYI: USDA IS BEING REQUESTED TO SEND TWO-MAN TEAM TO BOLIVIA TO ASSIST MISSION PREPARE DETAILED SCOPE-OF-WORK FOR RESEARCH ADVISORS AND PRELIMINARY EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR RESEARCH STATIONS. KISSINGER

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